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1. ON JULY 28 PEKING DOMESTIC RADIO BROADCAST THE TEXT OF
A JULY 27 PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE BY LEFTIST COMMENTATOR LIANG
HSIAO WHO, IN UNCHARACTERISTICALLY MILD TERMS, REVIEWED THE
GENERAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE "CAPITALIST ROADERS" AND THE
PROLETARIAT IN THE PARTY SINCE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION.
ENTITLED "OCCUPY AND TTRANSFORM THE SUPERSTRUCTURE IN THE
COURSE OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE BOURGEOISIE," THE ARTICLE
CONDEMNED TENG HSIAO-PING'S EFFORTS IN SUPPRESSING WORKER
PROPAGANDA TEAMS WHICH WERE SET UP IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECTIVE
BY CHAIRMAN MAO ON JULY 27, 1968. THESE TEAMS WERE TO
EMPLACE GROUPS OF WORKERS AND PEASANTS PERMANENTLY IN CHINA'S
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THE
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WORKING CLASS WOULD "ALWAYS LEAD" IN EDUCATION.

2. LIKEWISE, PROVINCIAL RADIO BROADCASTS DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS HAVE DISCUSSED TENG'S ROLE IN THE EDUCATIONFIELD AND HAVE STRESSED THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF WORKER PROPAGANDA TEAMS IN THE "PROTRACTED STRUGGLE AGAINST THE CAPITALIST ROADERS." TO DATE TWENTY-THREE OF CHINA'S 29 PROVINCES HAVE REPORTED MEETINGS AND SESSIONS TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF MAO'S JULY, 1968 DIRECTIVE. THE BORADCASTS ALL COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORKING CLASS' ENTRY INTO THE "SUPER-STRUCTURE" AND PLACE HEAVY EMPHASIS ON THE POLITICAL ROLE OF THE TEAMS WHICH ARE PRAISED FOR "DEPPENING CLASS STRUGGLE" AND FOR THEIR "REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT IN GOING AGAINST THE TIDE." POINTING UP THE SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY ROLE OF THE TEAMS, HOWEVER, THEY ARE URGED TO "TAKE THE LEAD" WHILE REMAINING UNDER THE "CENTRALIZED LEADERSHIP" OF THE PARTY COMMITTEES AT ALL LEVELS.

3. THE WORKER PROPAGANDA TEAMS HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY AND WERE INITIALLY INTRODUCED INTO THE SCHOOLS DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION TO EXERT CONTROL OVER THE RED GUARD MOVEMENT. WE ARE STRUCK BY THE MILD TONE OF THESE BROADCASTS AND THE REPEATED EMPHASIS ON PARTY CONTROL OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROPAGANDA TEAMS IN CONTRAST TO THE STRIDENT NATURE OF RECENT BROADCASTS COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKER'S UNIVERSITIES (REFTEL).
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